September, 2002 and in a National Seminar on Unorganised Sector workers held on 7-8 November, 2002. A tripartite Committee meeting is also proposed to be convened in the month of February, 2003 for processing the recommendations. These processes are to bring about a workable consensus for implementation of the recommendations of the Commission.

Land for housing scheme for EPF members

1741. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken initiative to request the State Governments to provide land at cheaper rates for housing for workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to implement the scheme for the EPF members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund (EPF) at its 158th meeting held on 22.10.2002 has, in principle, approved launching of a housing scheme for EPF subscribers. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri S. Gopalan, Ex-Secretary, Labour and Ex-Secretary General of Lok Sabha, has been constituted to explore the feasibility of the Housing Scheme for worker members alongwith other related issues. The State Governments have been addressed to make the land available at subsidized rates for making affordable housing for EPF subscribers.

Night shopping in Delhi

1742. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to allow night shopping in Delhi, as per the media reports in the Times of India dated the 16th August, 2002;

(b) if so, the areas where this night shopping would be allowed and the hours of working of these shops; and

(c) whether this would not infringe the provisions of the shops and Establishment Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has informed that the request for relaxation till 10 PM will be considered on request from the shops and establishments in which-ever area in Delhi these may be located. Relaxation will be granted, in accordance with the provisions of the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act, 1954 and the Rules made thereunder, on receipt of requests for its, and shall be subject to various conditions like payment of overtime allowance, making arrangements for safety, security and transportation for the employees and other provisions of the Act.

Labour Welfare Boards

1743. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Labour Welfare Boards have been constituted in the States to take care of the families of the unorganised labour who die in accidents at the work place;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the States or areas where these have been constituted so far;

(c) the source of funding and the amount of compensation paid to the families of the deceased; and

(d) the position with special reference to Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) Some of the State Governments like Kerala and Delhi have constituted 'The Kerala Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board' and 'The Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board' respectively for the construction workers as per the provisions of the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996. Similarly, the Government of Tamil Nadu have constituted 'The Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board' under their own legislation. The Government have been insisting other State Governments to implement the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996. As per the information available 'The Kerala Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board' have